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NDG Community Council



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Mission

The NDG Community Council is an organisation that acts to promote, improve and sustain the well-being of the NDG community and its residents.

The Council is a hub of community information and networking in NDG. It works with residents and other organisations, through community organizing and support, to address issues of concern and to find solutions. The Council focuses on quality of life, social justice issues and the involvement of Notre-Dame-de-Grâce residents.

Values

- Inclusiveness, tolerance, representivity (reflecting the community)
- Transparency
- Social justice, with a focus on vulnerable populations
- Autonomy of community initiatives and projects
- Citizen participation in decision-making that includes consultation and reflection of community values
- Belief in the capacity of individuals and organisations and support for that capacity
- Democracy
- Strong community



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List of Acronymes

The Council	NDG Community Council
CIQ	Concertation Interquartier
CDEC CDN/NDG	Corporation de développement économique communautaire Côte-des-Neiges / Notre-Dame-de-Grâce
CMTQ	Coalition montréalaise des Tables de quartier
CJE	Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi
MIDI	Ministère de l'Immigration , diversité et inclusion
CIUSSS	Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux
MTESS	Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale
DCSLDS	Direction de culture, des sports, des loisirs et du développement – Fonds de développement social
SPVM	Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal
FRAPRU	Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain
RCLALQ	Regroupement des Comités Logement et Associations de Locataires du Québec
RIOCM	Regroupement intersectoriel des organismes communautaires de Montréal
ROMEL	Le regroupement des organismes du montréal ethnique pour le logement
DSP	Direction de Santé Publique
FTQ	Fond de Solidarité



Since its foundation (1942), the Council has worked with community stakeholders - residents, organisations, institutions, and businesses - to improve the quality of life in NDG. The Council mobilises organisations and residents to work on issues in the community, supports groups in networking and working in partnership, and develops and encourages new initiatives and services. The Council has always assumed the role of the "Table de Quartier," and we continue to work on our governance to better support this role. This was our first year working with our new bylaws; some changes were easy to adopt while others are still in development. The most important changes to note are the composition of the Board of Directors and Membership categories. This year we had 5 organisations and 5 residents on the Board of the Council, which gave us a more global and inclusive representation of our community. Since we did not have a base of members from the Business Membership category, we were not able to recruit a member on the Board, however we started working more with businesses and recruited some members through our new initiative Communi-Tea. With the closing of the CDEC, the Council is working with its partners to create a space to fill some of the gaps caused by their closing. We started with the development of a Table that covers issues related to local economics.

After a decade working in NDG, I understand and have learned to accept that this is a very active community, that changes are inevitable and, as such, we need to be flexible enough to adapt to change. For example, the closing of the CDEC, the merging of the Food Depot with the Action Communiterre to create a food hub, the closing of a school and the opening of a new one, the temporary move of the Loyola Center until a permanent space is found, and the opening of the new Cultural Centre in Benny Farm. We had several inspiring resident initiatives which the Council was keen on supporting, such as Jane's Walks, PorchFest, ArtHive, and the Community Christmas Dinner. This year the Council accepted to become the fiduciary for both the ArtHive and Porchfest.

I would like to thank the team—both the Board of Directors and the staff - who were very generous with their time, knowledge, and experience. I personally enjoy working with everyone and am very proud to be part of such a dedicated team and dynamic organisation.

We finished this year with all of our staff but as it inevitably happens in the community sector, we begin the 2016-2017 session with the departure of two valuable staff members: Lora Milusheva and Annie Gosselin, who worked with the Council for more than two years on multiple dossiers. Annie was an important asset to the Council, I am happy to see that she stayed in the community at Benny Farm. Hopefully she will continue to be involved with the Council as a partner. Lora always inspired me with her perseverance and hard work. Her competence is one thing but she will always be the model I use to emphasize our responsibility to help integrate immigrants into Quebec society. Annie and Lora, we will miss you and we wish you well in your new endeavours.

This year, we were able to offer French classes for 21 community workers in NDG. A great initiative lead by Bienvenue à NDG, in collaboration with the NDG Food Depot, supported by Cégep Marie-Victorian and our wonderful teacher Stéphanie Guérin. Personally, I believe that it is a great opportunity to have free accessible language courses in the workplace; five staff members were able to benefit from this initiative.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our committed partners, enthusiastic volunteers, and generous funders who have helped the Council in achieving its goals this year.

I invite you to explore our report and if we inspire you please come join us. It is important to have your support and involvement! Please contact us directly, and do not forget to continuously check our website, which is a great tool for and by the community.

Halah Al-Ubaidi,
Executive Director



Board and Staff meeting with NDG elected Borough Councillors Peter McQueen and Jeremy Searle



I would like to thank the NDG Community Council staff for their time and dedication to our community. Without them, their expertise, and their daily involvement in community life, the Council could not fulfill its role effectively.

To my colleagues, members of the Board, a big thank you for your time and dedication, which enabled the adoption of many resolutions. A special thank you to Annie Gosselin, staff representative on the board, who recently left the Council to join the team of Habitations Tango as director, for her dedication and positive contribution to the workings of the organization.

Of course, we could not function without the commitment, dedication and leadership of a good executive director, and I can say without any hesitation, in my name and in that of the Board of Directors and staff, we are fortunate to have such a director in the person of Halah Al-Ubaidi.

The Council would like to acknowledge and show appreciation for the cooperation of our members, our community partners, and the NDG residents who contribute their hard work on a daily basis to make NDG the renowned neighbourhood that it is.

A special mention this year to our elected officials. In November, we had a Board-Staff Retreat with the objective of better understanding each other and the creation of a shared understanding of the priorities and challenges in the community. The meeting was held at the Saint Raymond Community Center, the food was all from local business in the district and we had excellent animators Sabrina McFadden and Juniper Belshaw from COCO . During the lunch hour we met with Borough Mayor Russell Copeman; in our exchange we covered issues such as culture, immigration, economic development, infrastructure and housing. We agreed to continue to meet 2-3 times per year. In addition, as part of a regular Board meeting, we received city councillors Peter McQueen and Jeremy Searle to discuss opportunities of collaboration between the Council and local elected representatives. We hope to meet regularly with both Mr. McQueen and Mr. Searle.

Moreover, in these uncertain financial times, the Board would like to acknowledge the financial support of its donors, which include: Centraide du Grand Montréal, l'Initiative montréalaise de soutien au développement social local, the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux, the Director of Public Health, Kathleen Weil our deputy for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (Programme Soutien à l'action bénévole), the Fondation de la famille J.W. McConnell (initiative Innoweave), the Ministère de Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité (MTESS), the City of Montréal, the borough of CDN/NDG, as well all our generous contributors and funders.

Louis Legault
President of the Board



Board Staff Retreat lunch with Mayor Copeman, November 2015



Board Members 2015-2016 (11)

The Board had seven (7) meetings and one Board/Staff retreat. In addition each Board member joined one or two permanent and ad hoc committees (see Appendix 3). The President and the Director met regularly to prepare for the Board meetings. The Executive Committee met three (3) times, in addition to one meeting with Centraide. The Membership committee met twice and produced a guideline document to direct the membership campaign. The Human Resources Committee met three (3) times. Some of the accomplishments of the Human Resources dossier were: a report by Simkin Legal evaluating our HR policies and tools, submitting the Équité Salariale report; offering the staff retirement plan with the FTQ; and starting the process of creating a guidelines and policy staff book.

Louis Legault (R) — President
 Andrew Ross (R) — Vice - President
 Hans Heisinger (O)— Treasurer
 Carrefour Jeneusse Emploi (CJE)
 Teresa Ste-Marie (O) —Secretary
 Prevention CDN/NDG
 James Olwell (O)
 Bienvenue à Notre-Dame-de-Grâce
 Sheri Mcleod (O)
 NDG Senior Citizens' Council
 Rita Del Grande (R)
 Lindsey Whitelaw (R)
 Lisa Mintz (R) (Change to Residents category in February 2016) Fraser-Hickson Institute
 Xavier Vadboncoeur (R) (left in January 2016)
 Annie Gosselin (Employee Representative)
 Halah Al-Ubaidi (Executive Director)

Staff members (11)

We continued our Community Organiser/ Director weekly meetings, we also had four (4) staff meetings. At least one staff member was present at each Borough Council meeting. In addition, we continue to be present at most Annual General Meetings of partner organisation. Each staff member juggled several dossiers but continues to support new initiatives .

Halah Al-Ubaidi, Executive Director
 Graziella Bierto Challenger, Admin. Assistant
 Nicole Fornelli, Community Organiser
 Annick Munyana, Community Organiser
 Annie Gosselin, Community Organiser
 Lora Milusheva, Community Organiser

Steve Charters, Community Organiser
 Nabila Ghernati, Community organiser
 Fahimeh Delavar, Community Worker
 Sharon Sweeney, Community Worker
 Sarah Gosse, Community Worker

Contracts (6)

Irina Glushko - WEB GIUNKA - Website Development
 Joe Miller—The Computer Whisperer
 Oliver Cole and Kirisanthi Kugathasan - Colius Services- Accounting & Bookkeeping
 Micheal Simkin - Report on Human Resources
 Glenn Cassidy—Janitorial service

Fiduciary projects contracts—ArtHive NDG (2)

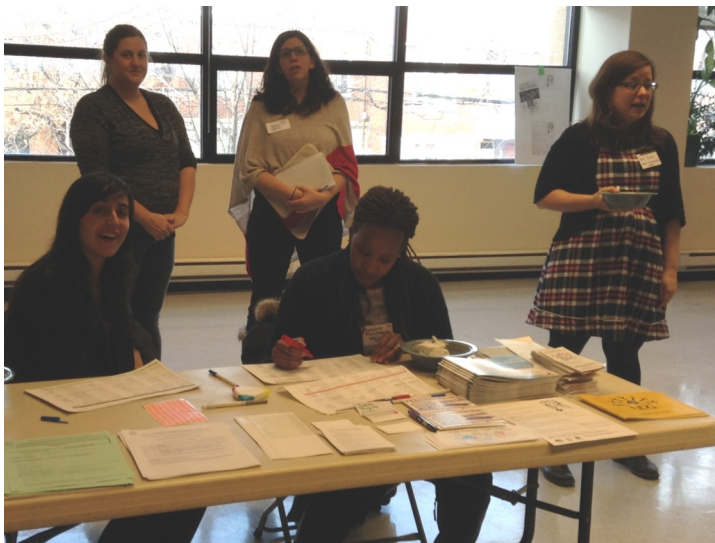
Marlo Ritchie
 Camille Wilkins

Council Contractual Staff (5)

Jing Bai -Lunar New-Year Event
 Kim Martin -Tax Clinic
 Andres Toro- Park(ING) Day
 Erica Kamikazi- Tax Clinic and Membership Campaign

Interns (6)

Andrian Archer - ERS Training & Development corporation
 Anne-Marie Ndikumana - École des métier de L'informatique , du commerce et de l'administration de Montreal
 Kimberly Salt - Concordia University - Urban Planning
 Timothy Hunting - Concordia University - Urban Planning
 James Phelan - Concordia University - Urban Planning



Members 2015-2016

The Council provides five types of membership: Individual, Organisational, Honorary, Associate and Business. Being a member of the Council means contributing in a meaningful way to the growth, the development, and the quality of life of everyone in NDG. In the last year the Council has taken a more central role in the neighbourhood as Table de Quartier. This includes coordinating a global action plan, as well as regrouping community organisations, citizens, and public institutions. Park(ING) Day, Meet the Candidates 2015, cultural festivals, summer BBQ parties, and housing rights advocacy are among the many Council projects enabled, in part, by the commitment of our members.

In 2015/2016, the Council had 34 Individuals, 34 Organisations, and 6 Businesses and 2 Associate members.

Organisation	Business	Associate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACEF Du Sud-Ouest de Mtl • Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists NDG • Bienvenue à NDG • Carrefour Jeunesse d'emploi • CASA • Centre de bénévolat NDG • Centre de réadaptation Lethbridge • Cheap Art Collective • Comité Citoyen • Coup de Balai • Fondation de la visite • Hippy Quebec • Iraqi Community Center • L'Abri en Ville • Les Maisons Transitionnelles 03 • Lieu des Petits • Loisirs sportifs Cote-des- Neiges • Montreal Business Women Club • Montreal Wado Ryn Karate Association • Montreal-West-End Operatic Society • NDG Community Committee on Elder Abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDG Food Depot • NDG Off the Wall • NDG Senior Citizens' Council • New Hope Senior • Nova Montreal • Prévention NDG • Queen Elizabeth Complex-Administration • River's Edge Community Church • ROMEL • St Philip's Church • TRACOM inc • Trinity Memorial Anglican Church • YMCA of Quebec NDG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dlink Evelyne Web Giunka Caisse Desjardins de Notre-Dame-Grace Royal Bank (RBC) Colius service <p>Joseph Lala Peter McQueen</p>



The Importance of Volunteering

The Council wishes to thank all the volunteers who offer their time and service to the Council. People volunteer for different reasons; for some it is to help, for others to take part in their community, or to gain work experience. Some of the Council's activities that always attract volunteers are the Tax Clinics, the Community Christmas Dinner, Jane's Walks, Neighborhood Festivals and the Lunar New Year Festival. These activities would not be possible without the support of our volunteers.

We would like to highlight the great work accomplished by our dedicated volunteer Pierre Blouin. 2016 marked his 10th year with us as a receptionist, not to mention being a highly-valued, on-demand editor. We would like to thank our archivist, Ziad DahDah and receptionist Chantal Thériault for their great work this year and hope to continue to have their support in the coming years.

We participated in a generation conference organised by the Mentor Club for Korean Youth . We presented our volunteering program and talked about what types of skills can be acquired and/or shared through volunteering.

The Council also participated in the NDG/Montreal West Volunteer Fair. Information kiosks were set up by 12 local community groups to inform the general public of various volunteer opportunities that exist in NDG and Montreal West. Over 130 people attended and the Council was able to recruit 18 new volunteers. (See Appendix 2)



End of the year celebration with our volunteers and partners



Volunteering on a Board is very important for the health of the Organisation



Lunar New Year Volunteer committee



Concordia—Urban Planning Interns—Map NDG



Funding sources

- Initiative Montréalaise de soutien au développement social local (funding from Centraide du Grand Montréal, Direction de la santé publique, the Ville de Montréal and l'entente MESS-Ville).
- Centraide du Grand Montréal – Residents Mobilisation
- Centraide – Benny Farm Community Development
- Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Montréal—Programme de soutien aux organismes communautaires (PSOC)
- Arrondissement CDN/NDG, Fonds de développement social – DCSLDS
- Ville-MTESS – Fond québécois d'initiatives sociales dans le cadre des alliances pour la solidarité
- La fondation de la famille J.W.McConnell—Innweave
- Gouvernement of Quebec, Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport -Soutien à l'action bénévole (SAB)
- Other (Membership, donation, Centre de la petite enfance – Avenir d'enfants, etc)

Council's Fiduciary Funding

Bienvenue à NDG

- Ville de Montréal – Programme de soutien à la diversité des expressions culturelles festivals et événements 2014

Food Security Coalition and NDG Food Depot

- Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Montréal (programme des soutien aux incitatives locales (2013-2018) – Marché Bonne Bouffe NDG

NDG Community Christmas Dinner

- Eric Baker Family Foundation
- Ville de Montréal

NDG Art Hive

- Ville de Montréal -- Arrondissement CDN-NDG
- Melons et Clementines
- Multiroute Freight systems
- Peter McQueen (individual donation)
- Different Donors in cash and in kind



Annual Centraide walk—October 2015



Centraide ambassadors from Group Dynamite visiting the Council



The Council prides itself on being an organisation for the residents; resident mobilization is at the root of our very existence. This year, our knowledge of funding applications, community proceedings, and local politics enabled us to support a number of resident-led initiatives. The following is a summary of initiatives we supported this year.

MTL 375 Applications

The Council assisted a variety of resident-led projects in their bid for funding in the framework of Montréal’s MTL 375 celebration project (No Damn Good ; ScaveNDGer ; NDG375 ; La vie Montréalaise - Montreal West End Operatic Society; The History of the Italian Community in St. Raymonds ; Movable Mosaic/Mural ; 375 drawings, one history)

This process demonstrated just how vibrant and creative NDG is and why this borough should be recognized for its multitude of artistic endeavours citywide.

“I didn’t know what to expect working with the Council, but the staff have been supportive and helpful in navigating city grants, giving advice and expertise when needed. They are working hard to build an arts network and sense of community in NDG and it is happening” Tally from No Damn Good podcast



Porchfest NDG

Porchfest NDG

The Council is proud to be the fiduciary for NDG’s exciting new annual music festival, Porchfest. This event brings together residents and musicians for a weekend of singing, dancing, and music. There was more than 1000 participants .

“Over the last year, Porchfest NDG has benefited from the valuable counsel and resources of the NDG Community Council; Sharon Sweeney has been an enthusiastic ally, and the Council became our fiduciary. In addition, the Council was the force behind our successful bid for a community-based project during the official MTL 375 festivities.” Aurora Robinson and Sarah Ring—Event Co-ordinators



Art Hive

The Council served as fiduciary for the NDG Art Hive over the last year, which proved to be an important role as the Art Hive project blossomed through the summer. In June 2015, the Art Hive was successful in a bid to occupy the chalet in NDG Park as a temporary space during the summer months and it was a great success. The Art Hive concept attracted many residents into joining its volunteer and organizing committees. The Art Hive also created a separate service of Pop-Up Art Hives, which have been increasingly in demand at events across NDG. In the fall, the Art Hive moved temporarily into a space made available by Sherbrooke Forest, with an eye towards re-occupying their space in NDG Park starting in Spring 2016. More than 2,500 residents were served through their many events.

Bienvenue à NDG

The Council continues to support and work closely with this amazing community organisation that brings stability, opportunity, and friendship to newly arrived immigrants. Bienvenue à NDG's successful endeavours are a testament to the benefits of community organisation partnerships and the dedicated work of their extraordinary staff.

NDG Coalition for Food Security

Food security is of utmost importance to the quality of life of NDG residents and it is with enthusiasm that the Council is a fiduciary for the NDG Good Food Market, an initiative that brings fresh and affordable produce to NDG's dinner tables. The market is not only a provider of excellent produce, but also a space for sharing and leisure.

NDG Christmas Community Dinner

The success of the Christmas dinner never fails to amaze. This year, 1,222 clients were served and 69 cooked turkeys were generously donated. As usual, volunteers and community stakeholders took part in the festivities. With this in mind, the Council is proud to be the fiduciary for this wonderful event, and looks forward to next year's feast!



Art Hive



NDG Good Food Market in Saint Raymond

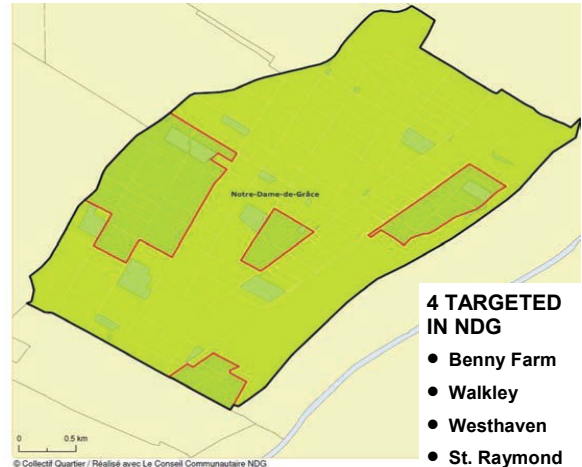
Vulnerable Sectors: Supporting Actions and Mobilizing Residents



The Community Council works directly with community groups concerned with the revitalisation of four vulnerable sectors, focusing on improving services in these sectors and working in partnership to support all manner of community development initiatives, from community gardens to social housing development and from the provision of information, to cultural celebrations. What follows are specific reports on each sector.

Saint Raymond Sector

2015-2016 was an increasingly active year in Saint Raymond. With a number of profile community activities occurring in the summer and fall of 2015, paralleled by significant community mobilization on issue-specific efforts, notably concerning the Turcot Project (discussed in the transportation section) and its impact on the neighbourhood, and to a lesser extent, the NDG Art Hive.



There were a number of community activities that the NDG Community Council played a key role in delivering. The Jane’s Walk was highly successful, with over 30 participants from across Montreal exploring the neighbourhood. The Summer Fest, held on July 29th in Parc Georges-Saint-Pierre, was a success pointing toward opportunities for growth. Well over 100 individual residents participated in the day-long event, which included a Pop-up Art Hive, gardening workshops, a BBQ, live music, and more. Expanding resident participation in the planning process for 2016 will be essential. Park(ING) Day once again brought out a big contingent of residents, and helped the Council build a relationship with the new St Raymond school that opened in September 2015. The now-annual Melrose Tunnel decorating event brought out its largest crowd ever.

The NDG Art Hive, while grounded in the St. Raymond community, expanded with a wider vision throughout the last year and ended up transitioning into a more NDG-wide project. Nevertheless, many founding and active members of the Art Hive community are based in St Raymond, and they frequently participate in other local activities.

Despite the activity in St Raymond this year, 2015 went by without a St. Raymond-specific neighbourhood committee being in place to collectively represent local interests, and thus in 2016 we started working on reviving a local neighbourhood committee. There is a lot of energy in this neighbourhood, and many residents are well mobilised on their own. The objective will be to capture some of the existing local initiatives and build on them constructively, while reaching out and including other voices.





Westhaven Sector

The Westhaven Neighbourhood Committee continued its leadership role in the neighbourhood, accomplished action items from the Westhaven Action Plan, brought residents together by organising residents' meetings and creating local communication tools, and fostered its partnership with the Westhaven Community Centre. There are 13 members sitting on the committee, which includes community organisations and institutions as well as local residents. (see Appendix 3).

Some highlights from this past year supported by the Westhaven Neighborhood Committee include:

- Two Westhaven residents created a history poster for their neighbourhood (Janet Bruce and Dana Stewart), we supported its promotion within NDG.
- Upon residents' request, we started organising residents' meetings and informal social gatherings (ex: residents town hall meetings, festive crafts workshop, outdoor gatherings).
- We created a seasonal local newsletter (available in both hard and electronic copy), which aims to keep Westhaven residents informed about current activities, upcoming social gatherings, workshops, and community resources in the neighbourhood (ex: collective garden, tax clinic, tenants' rights service, etc.). Residents are given the opportunity to write their own articles and share their own experience at the neighbourhood meetings. The Westhaven Newsletter will be used as a communication tool by the neighbourhood committee, and will focus on initiatives taking place in Westhaven, as well as on the involvement of the residents in the development of their neighbourhood.
- We are working on establishing a partnership with Concordia University – Loyola Campus Sports and Recreation facilities and the Perform Centre. Unfortunately, due to administrative and staff changes at Concordia University, this initiative is currently on hold.

Another important highlight for the community was the Westhaven Community Summer Party that took place at the Westhaven collective garden on the 29th of August 2015. Organised by the NDG Community Council and Action Comuniterre, and supported by the Westhaven Neighbourhood Committee, the event attracted 55 people under a beautiful summer sun. During the event we offered residents several activities around collective gardening, fresh and local food, and food transformation (2 guided tours of the garden, fresh food and drinks tasting, sprouts and fermentation demos). We also had the Council information table and children's activities. Thanks to the Westhaven Neighbourhood Committee member – CDN-NDG borough – 4 tickets for La Ronde and 6 tickets for the Botanical Garden were offered to local residents through a lottery.



Fielding-Walkley Sector



The Fielding-Walkley Revitalization Initiative, which is a coordinated effort amongst 36 community partners, continues to work to improve the quality of life for those living and working in this sector. Partnership and resident involvement continue to be key in the success of actions planned for Fielding-Walkley. The community organiser of the Council and the resident mobilisation agent of Prévention CDN-NDG work closely together to coordinate, as well as stay informed of activities happening in the sector. Strategically, the community organiser at the Council focuses on partnership development and following up on the action plan, while the mobilisation agent works to ensure the engagement and participation of residents.

This year saw a change as the mobilisation agent Nathalie Le Conte-Good, who had been in the role since 2012, left this past December to pursue other opportunities. The Council appreciates all the hard work she dedicated to the position and to the residents. She helped create a strong foundation for the mobilised residents group, and the Council wishes her all the best in her future endeavours. Jennifer Chapman, of Prévention CDN-NDG, transitioned into the role this January. She brings a new approach to the position, and it will be exciting to see the residents group grow in the years to come.

Over the past year, the coordinating committee and the coordinator have been working on the follow up to the current action plan, titled: Plan d'action communautaire et de mobilisation pour le secteur Fielding-Walkley dans l'arrondissement Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce 2013-2016. This is to be completed by the summer of 2016.

In collaboration with the partners, as well as the residents involved, many activities took place in the sector during the 2015-2016 year. To name a few of the many activities: residents organised another Jane's Walk of the sector, a moving day activity was organised by partners, and a "Meet your Candidates" question and answer event took place during the Federal election campaign. A housing service, offered by the Council, now takes place every Wednesday at the Walkley Center. We also saw the implementation of the Marché Bonne Bouffe satellite market this past fall, as well as another Fête de Quartier this past September. (see Appendix 3).

It has been exciting to witness the partnership development between the residents group and the partner organisations involved in the Démarche. The goal is to continue to build off this momentum and further facilitate resident and organisation engagement.



Benny Farm Community Development



The Council Community organiser focuses on partnership development and continue to work on reinforcing our partnerships with Project Chance, SPVM, NDG Sport Centre , Chez Soi, Horizontal executive committee, and all the other projects/houses/Coop and HLM in Benny. The opening of the Benny Library and the Cultural Centre raised many questions during committee meetings regarding the new space (accessibility, room rental options, library hours, etc.).

The Council coordinated the steering committee of Benny Farm (See Appendix 3) to work on mutual issues. For example, we were able to partner up with groups in Benny by attending meetings held by the board of the Horizontal committee, which brought together different board representatives and members from different areas in Benny Farm. The Council also collaborated with the Bibliothèque Hors-les-murs program to offer book services to seniors in Benny, facilitating communication with our senior population, which was timely as the Benny Library was moved to its new location.

Our outreach worker continues her work to ensure and encourage the engagement and participation of residents to come together to take collective action to generate solutions to common problems. The programs and activities are designed to identify civic leaders and involve residents to build stronger and more resilient communities. The outreach worker has helped facilitate the planning of events such as Park(ing) Day, Collective Kitchen, seasonal activities i.e. Easter Egg Hunt, Skate Drive, Christmas Caroling and Halloween, to name a few. Of particular note 'The Fête des Voisins' and the Halloween event were planned mostly by the residents with little intervention from the Outreach worker. Our residents include so many backgrounds and talents that we highlighted one of our residents and created an outdoor Art Gallery for Park(ing) Day. The resident gave small workshops on 'Zen Doodle' at Park(ing) Day and on Halloween. She is now scheduled to have a vernissage at a local coffee shop.

The Council would like to thank all our residents and partners who are always working to bring out the best in this vibrant neighborhood.





The Arts and Culture Table

In the summer of 2015, the Council reached out to many of the stakeholders in the artistic and cultural domains, and together they created the Arts and Culture Table. The creation of the Table was an inclusive process, stemming from the tremendous volume of actions that were happening in the neighborhood

The Table is made up of both organisations and residents. Uniquely, the Table has a particularly large number of residents and informal groups on the Table, reflecting the wide range of artistically-minded people in NDG. The Table currently has a simple mandate: to promote the arts and celebrate the cultures of Notre-Dame-de-Grâce. To date the Council has supported the members of the Table through collaboration, facilitation, training, brainstorming, as well as grant writing and providing letters of support. In its first year, the Table has successfully:

- Mobilised more than 20 different organisations, groups, and active residents.
- Submitted a collective application to the MTL375 funding containing projects from 8 organisations and individuals. The NDG Community Council would be the fiduciary for these projects. Two of the projects within the collective submission for MTL375 have been approved so far.
- Supported several groups who were able to apply for MTL375 funding on their own. The theme of MTL375 is building bridges and the Table succeeded in doing just that.
- The Arts & Culture table is proud to be the fiduciary for projects such as Porchfest, the NDG ArtHive, as well as help resident initiatives take form such as: NDG History Workshop.
- Hosted 2 dynamic and fun brainstorming sessions led by Percolab and the Art Hive Network that resulted in hundreds of ideas to make for one great and lively neighborhood.





Intercultural table

This Table aims to promote the integration of people of NDG from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds and to encourage their full participation in Quebec society. During the year, members of the Table worked on the consolidation of its mission, mandate, values, and course of action.

The Council also recruited new members to the Intercultural Table: l'École Multiethnique de Langues et de Cultures du Québec (EMULCQ), Bibliothèque Hors les Murs, Canadian Alliance for Syrian Aid (CASA), Montreal Korean Language & Culture Centre (MKLCC), Carrefour de Ressource en Interculturel (CRIC), and the Commission Scolaire de Montreal.

In summer 2015, with the help of the organisation Bienvenue à NDG and as part of the activities of the NDG Arts Week, the Table hosted neighbourhood parties while showcasing intercultural activities in each event. Inter-culturalism in NDG was highlighted during our 4th annual Intercultural festival, when over 450 participants from all around NDG came together to enjoy this event in Girouard Park. A Lot of activities were showcased including arts & crafts, reading tents, cultural food sampling, performances, and fashion shows.

Lunar New-Year 2016

With the support of a group of over 35 volunteers (see Appendix 2) from the community and the leadership of the Council of Chinese Families Coordinator, the Chinese Lunar New Year 2016 was organised by the Council, in partnership with Bienvenue à NDG. This traditional celebration brought together residents in the Monkland Community Centre. Over 350 people participated in this event, making it a huge success. Several cultural Chinese activities took place during the day such as dancing, games for children and a cooking demonstration.



The Honourable Kathleen Weil, Quebec Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion gave a speech at both the intercultural festival and the Lunar New year thanking all the organisers and participants for having this kind of event in NDG





NDG Food Security Coalition

The Coalition, which consists of 20 members, works towards the development of an integrated and sustainable food system to ensure access to sufficient, healthy, affordable and culturally-appropriate food for all residents of NDG. The Coalition is co-coordinated by a community organiser from the CIUSSS-Centre-Ouest-de-l'île-de-Montréal and the NDG Community Council.

Some exciting developments surrounding food security took place within the last year! To name a few: we saw the merger of the NDG Food Depot, Action Communiterre and Boîte à Lunch project. The new merged organisation offers 22 programs addressing access to food, food education and skill building, and urban agriculture. Including the programming at the Food Depot and amongst all the members of the Coalition, as well as non-member organisations, there are currently 48 food security initiatives that exist in the NDG territory. In addition, the CDN-NDG borough also introduced the Arrondissement en Santé by-law this year. The Coalition supports this by-law and hopes to work in parallel with the borough to promote health and healthy lifestyles for residents of NDG.

The Food Security Coalition received funding from Québec en Forme this year to conduct a capacity assessment and inventory of food security organisations and services in NDG. With this study, the Coalition plans to review its role and determine how it can best support its members, as well as determine new priorities, and write an action plan for the years 2017-2022.

Finally, the Coalition continues to participate in citywide initiatives to address food security. This has included participating in meetings organised by the Direction de la Santé Publique de Montréal, as well as the Système Alimentaire Montréalais (SAM). The Coalition is also keeping its eye on new developments happening at the City level, with talk of developing a Montréal Food Policy Council.

Marché Bonne Bouffe

The project De la Terre, à la Table changed its name to the NDG Good Food Market, after being transferred over to the NDG Food Depot to manage. The market had its debut on June 19th 2015 at the NDG Food Depot, and has continued every Friday since. During the fall of 2015, there were two pilot satellite markets that took place over four weeks: one next to the Walkley Center and one at George St. Pierre park in St. Raymond. The satellite markets were a great success, and will continue again this year during the entire summer and fall.

The co-coordinators would like to thank members of the NDG Food Security Coalition, the Walkley Center, the CDN-NDG borough, and the Food Depot in making NDG markets a reality! The NDG Food Depot has done an amazing job managing the project. The Council continues to be the fiduciary of the project.



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Jeunes en Santé (JES-NDG)



JES-NDG works to provide resources for youth up to 17 yrs old and their families to have access to a healthy quality of life. The Council participated in the Local Action Sub-Committee (CAL) of JES-NDG. This year, with the announcement of Québec en Forme ending its funding in 2017, JES-NDG had the job of preparing a last action plan for 2016-2018. With last year's project manager for JES-NDG taking on another opportunity, Marie-Charles Boivin of Table Jeunesse and Comité Action 6-12 stepped in to coordinate the preparation and submission of the JES-NDG action plan. Members of the CAL worked hard during December and January of this year to finalize the action plan for submission to Québec en Forme. Now, JES-NDG is merging to Table Jeunesse, Comité action 6-12 and its coordinating committee. JES NDG, as a sub-committee of the 2 tables, will continue to work on healthy life habits by ensuring the implementation of the JES-NDG action plan.

URBAN AND SUSTAINABLE DESIGN



Transportation issues in NDG

With the giant Turcot Highway Interchange and McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) projects immediately adjacent to NDG, the impacts are felt locally on a daily basis, especially from a transportation and physical environment perspective. In late spring 2015, there was a change regarding which committees and groups were active in this area: The NDG transportation committee became essentially dormant, though not before seeing a major success in advocating for the long-awaited 2nd Vendome metro connection to the MUHC; funding was officially earmarked for the project in June 2015. Most of the committee's membership re-formed and expanded as another group, the Concertation Turcot NDG.

May 2015 marked the beginning of the Comité de Bon Voisinage, a committee organised by the MTQ, to discuss with, and inform residents about the construction of the Turcot project, and mitigation measures put in place. Residents and groups were selected to participate as community voices, and these people quickly formed a new committee, the above-mentioned Concertation Turcot NDG. The Council assumed an essential coordinating role of this table. This group has focused on collectively advocating that the MTQ do more and better mitigation measures to be implemented to offset the impacts of the Turcot. Of note, a partnership was formed with the Direction de Santé Publique DSP to conduct research on the environmental impacts of the Turcot on NDG. Construction on the interchange has ramped into full gear, and this will remain a pressing issue for years to come.

The Concertation Interquartier (CIQ) remains active, though its membership has evolved. Spring 2015 marked the official opening of the MUHC. The CIQ has adjusted its mandate to assess and make recommendations on the built environment in the areas on and around the hospital. This has led to a series of meetings with MUHC representatives to discuss solutions. The CIQ was one of many community coalitions that had pushed hard for a 2nd Vendome entrance.

The Council developed in collaboration with partners a substantial funding proposal for Quartier 21 in winter 2015, focusing on physical infrastructure that can be improved in NDG neighbourhoods to support alternate means of transportation. While unsuccessful in the application last year, the assessment over the last year was that the proposal was good, and that a similar proposal will be advanced. It has been interesting to see how this dossier has evolved, and given the scale of some of the infrastructure projects, there will be a need to maintain a focus on this issue in the coming years.





The Housing Table

The year 2015-2016 was a year of standardization for the Table. A sub-committee worked on a governance framework for the Table. The framework, adopted in autumn 2015, outlines the mission and values of the Table, membership requirements, and guidelines to support projects that are requested either by members or by NDG partners. The Housing Table was pleased to welcome three new members : The Coup de Balai , Habitat for Humanity Quebec and the NDG Food Depot (see Appendix 3)

An interactive map project was developed in collaboration with a sub working committee of the Table and a Concordia Urban Planning intern to allow persons looking for housing as well as housing rights advocates to locate and understand social housing in NDG.

The Council team participated in several housing-oriented meetings in the Montreal and Quebec regions, such as the RCLALQ et FRAPRU General Assemblies and forums, CMTQ Committee on land reservations; Coalition CDN-NDG pour la salubrité, Rendez-vous de l'habitation of the SHQ in Québec and in Collaboration with Côte-des-Neiges, postcard Campaign to save AccèsLogis Québec.



Our collaboration with housing rights groups of Côte-des-Neiges, within the coalition for Housing Sanitation and Cleanliness, enabled us to meet some of the elected representatives of the boroughs as well as the local team of sanitation inspectors. As part of this larger group we were able to defend the interests of NDG tenants regarding services of municipal inspectors.

In order to promote the development of new social housing units in the neighborhood, the Council supported ROMEL in recruiting Board members in the creation of a new non-profit housing facility "Logement Grand". This organisation has subsequently completed the purchase of a residential building that will be renovated in 2016.

The advisory committee continues to work on the development of an organisation to increase and sustain services for NDG tenants. The Committee developed an action plan and continue to follow up on it during the year , although we did not succeed to secure a new funding, but we have strong commitments from our partners. The Committee decided to name it LogisAction NDG

Housing and Tenant Rights Services

The housing rights clinic at the Council served 227 tenants. The interventions were very diverse, as individuals needed guidance on everything from completing social housing forms, researching COOP housing options in the neighbourhood, and getting information on sanitation and cleanliness legislation and procedure, on finding housing or rooming, and the rights and responsibilities of landlords. The same service, offered at the NDG Food Depot, met the needs of about 385 tenants, covering similar issues.

An additional satellite service was established at the Walkley Community Centre in September, to bring support and information to local tenants of this sector. Again, individuals sought information on housing and tenant rights. In the future, with the availability of new funding, the Council hopes to bring this service to other vulnerable sectors.





Information workshops

This year, the Council's team held five (5) information workshops addressing tenants concerns, issues, and possible solutions to improve their housing conditions. In addition, a special workshop was held to educate tenants on the cuts brought to the AccèsLogis program, taking place alongside a petition addressed to elected officials of the neighborhood asking them to advocate for full funding of this vital program.



Space coalition

The Coalition works to address the increasingly present issue of lacking availability of affordable and stable spaces to meet the needs of local community organisations. About 20 community groups in NDG are currently represented in the Space Coalition (see the Appendix 3).

The Space Coalition continues to support Head and Hands' proposal for the future repurposing of the Benny Library building. At this time, the future user of the building has not been selected.

The Council is committed to continuing its coordinating role of the Space Coalition, and to supporting the future use of the Benny Library building. This building creates an excellent opportunity for having a multifunctional community space that could house community services and activities, bring NDGers together, and benefit the social fabric by offering programming to local residents and preserving the community spaces in our neighbourhood.



Economic development and employability



Coalition for local economy NDG

This year, following the amendment of the new Bylaws, the council created a new membership category; Business membership. This led to the creation of an initiative, tailored specifically to this category, “Community-Tea meetings”. Concerned by the gap created by the closure of the CDEC CDN / NDG and the disappearance of its Employment Table, the Council in collaboration with Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi, Bienvenue à NDG and Comptoir Urbain, a local business in NDG, created a Local Economy Table. It should be known that the need for such an initiative was previously identified during the strategic planning initiated by the Council in 2012.

It is important to note that the Council adopted a policy to buy locally and encourage hiring locally, when it is possible, during our events. For example, we supported the new cooperative initiatives by Sherbrooke Forest and Bienvenue à NDG by hiring their members during our events.



EDUCATION, CHILD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Table Jeunesse AND Comité Action 6 - 12

The Council continues to participate in the Table Jeunesse and Comité Action 6-12 meetings. The Table Jeunesse consists of partner organizations who work with young people between the ages of 12 to 35 years old in NDG. The members of this group meet in order to consolidate their efforts and promote initiatives aimed at improving the health and quality of life of youth and their families. The Comité Action 6-12 is a group of organizations that work with children aged 6 to 12 years old in NDG. Through partnerships, the committee aims to exchange information, share resources, discuss concerns, and develop projects and activities that meet the identified needs concerning this age group. Marie-Charles Boivin is the coordinator for both the Table Jeunesse and the Comité 6-12.

Table de Concertation 0-5 Cavendish

We remain proud partners of the approach taken by the 0-5 Table. In 2015-2016, the Council did not add any actions in the action plan, but rather chose to act as a partner of the actions of the Table members. So we were pleased to welcome the team of the Table during our neighborhood parties. We participated in the development of the framework, as well as some of the multiple training that have been offered by the table.





NDG Community Strategic Plan

In the spring of 2015, in consultation with Groupe Dynamo, the Council began a pilot review process of the Action Plan 2014 and conducted a test evaluation of Issue B (Education, Child and Youth Development). Table 0-5, Comité 6-12 and the Table Jeunesse provided feedback on different aspects related to the Action Plan 2014 and the way they interacted with it. This evaluation process resulted in the launch of the first instructions document which complemented the template of the Action Plan 2015.

In December 2015, a Strategic Planning Public Assembly was held, which aimed to showcase the successes of the NDG Community Strategic Plan and to allow residents to provide feedback. Successful examples of implementing actions related to Arts and Culture in NDG were presented as well as the complete Action Plan for 2015. Residents were invited to participate in the consultation process for the new Strategic Plan scheduled to take place in late 2016.

The COCO-PS Committee (see the Appendix 3) membership renewal period took place in December 2015-January 2016. Several replacements were made, and the new COCO-PS team started in the New Year with important decisions related to the process of re-launching the Strategic Plan for another three-year term. The process will include drafting a vision, mission, and objectives for the NDG Community Strategic Plan, and holding a Quality of Life conference in November 2016.

The need for organizing a training session, and clarifying the terminology used in the NDG Community Strategic and Action Plan had been identified since the creation of the first Action Plan in 2014. In March 2016, we started the first of a series of workshops: the first was on Strategic and Action planning terminology, supported by the COCO-PS and designed and facilitated by COCo, and was very well-received by the participants.

The next steps for the Strategic Plan will be to:

- Complete the Action Plan 2016 in June 2016
- Start a process for drafting a vision, mission and objectives for the NDG Community Strategic Plan
- Hold a Quality of Life conference in November 2016
- Launch the new NDG Community Strategic Plan 2017-2020





NDG Round Table

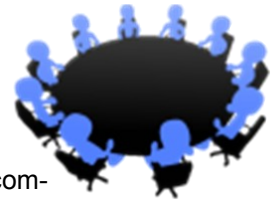
In January, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Round Table meetings; a space for community workers to network, present new projects and initiatives, and discuss issues of importance in the community such as: poverty in NDG, emergency resources, community space, social isolation, communication, the NDG Community Strategic Plan, and volunteering and funding. We had 40 meetings with an average of 35 participants per meeting

NDG Round Table meetings function, above all, to provide a space for creating links and building partnerships between community organisers and workers in NDG. They are organised by a planning committee composed of representatives from local community organisations (see the Appendix). These meetings allow community workers to share information, discuss common struggles, and find collaborative working solutions. Representatives of elected officials and funding agencies are also invited to attend to share information with community organisations, and help them access existing programs and funding opportunities. The success of the Round Table lies in the dedication of the participants to improve the quality of life in NDG.

The main preoccupation of the Round Table this year was local economic development and social economy, as well as the new Collective Impact Project (CIP) offered by Centraide. The two Round Tables, focusing on economic development and cooperative models showcasing examples in NDG, aimed to provide a space for open discussions, brainstorming, and sharing ideas on how to support the local economy in NDG. The Round Table on the Collective Impact Project served as a participatory forum in which community organisations were consulted about the NDG Community Strategic and Action Plan, collective priorities, and the strengths and challenges of our community. Based on this consultation process, a statement of intent was submitted to Centraide in December 2015, along with a copy of the Action Plan 2015, which unfortunately was not granted to NDG this year.

Concertation, Mobilization and Partnership





Public Assemblies, Discussion Groups, and Public Events

As part of the Council's long tradition to mobilise residents around important issues in their community, the Council's staff organised several public assemblies, discussion groups and many public events, all in collaboration with community partners and residents. The issues discussed in public assemblies are determined by community demand and by the specific context that residents are facing. These events are highlighted throughout the report and listed in full in Appendix 1.

This year, with the objective of reaching out to local business in NDG, we created a new initiative "Communi-Tea" a space for entrepreneurs and businesses to connect and discuss different issues related to the development of their sector. These public meetings are held either in the early morning or in the evening to encourage their participation. The focus of the meetings is on the Local Economy (ex. revitalisation of commercial streets, buying local). We had three (3) meetings this year:

As part of the NDG Community Action Plan 2015, public assemblies were organised to highlight the plan and the importance of working in partnership. We also highlighted great programs which were created during the year such as "Intervenant Communautaire Scolaire", "French Class for new immigrants", and the "Arts & Culture Table".

Public Assemblies are great spaces for dialogue and information. They also exhibit citizen mobilisation, encourage citizens to develop their capacity for action and participation in great changes within their neighbourhood.

Meet the Candidates

For many years, during elections, the Council has organised "Meet the Candidates," a non-partisan public meeting allowing the entire community to interact with the candidates. Interest is growing for this type of event, judging by the number of visitors on our website and the number of events organised this year.

The Council event took place on October 6, 2015 at the NDG Sports Centre, prior to the federal elections. Over 120 participants attended and ten (10) residents asked questions. The Council's actions are anchored in the opinions and concerns of all stakeholders in the community, which we verified through a public survey, called Election Nomades. As such, concerns brought up in the Election Nomades were taken into consideration when drafting two Council-supported questions for the candidates. The questions focused on the under-funding of community organisations in NDG and on the issue of the growing financial insecurity faced by some families in NDG.





Public Assemblies, Discussion Groups, and Public Events

Election Nomade

In the context of the 2015 federal elections, the Council organised an Election Nomade in four (4) sectors of NDG. Election Nomade was intended to boost participation in community life and to inform residents about the possibilities of citizen engagement. Nearly 100 people spontaneously participated and expressed their interest in following the issues : economy, employment, housing, immigration, the environment and indigenous affairs. This mobilising activity allowed the Council to gather residents' opinions, in order to prepare questions for the "Meet the Candidates" event.

PARK(ing) Day

An annual mobilizing event where citizens, artists and activists collaborate to temporarily transform parking spaces into temporary public places. The mission of PARK(ing) Day is to call attention to the need for more open urban space, to generate critical debate around how public space is created and allocated, and to improve the quality of the urban human habitat.

This year the Park(ing) Day focus was to understand the problems of vulnerable sectors in NDG, such as the lack of public spaces and leisure facilities, the coexistence between residents, vehicle traffic and road safety. This event helps us understand and examine these issues with different partners in NDG, allowing us to have a dialogue on the day of the event between the Council and the residents of each sector. This dialogue allows stakeholders to gain a global understanding of resident needs regarding public space and to recommend sustainable solutions.

The Council organised Park(ing) Day events in the four vulnerable sectors. In each sector, problematic locations were identified and used to organise the activity. The selection criteria for intervention points were related to key locations in each sector in order to showcase possible future intervention. The Council identified the key issues related to the event, through the implementation of surveys and recommendations by community organisers and community partners. These issues were security, ownership of public space, lack of street furniture, and urban development based on the automobile instead of pedestrians. The participants recommended that we continue the organisation of PARK(ing) Day for the Future. The organisation of this event helps strengthen socialization and public participation within the urban environment.



NDG Tax Clinic Coalition



This year, in spite of many changes in staff before and during the Tax clinic season, we were able to continue our long tradition of providing a service that is very important for our community. We recruited and trained volunteers, had two “Do It Yourself” workshops in collaboration with Bienvenue à NDG, and four Tax Clinics in collaboration with the Community Centers in each of the four vulnerable sectors. The Council was able to provide free tax preparation for over 200 NDG residents.

As usual, the request for tax services continues but we are limited in resources! Our restrictions are in computers and number of tax preparation volunteers. Although, some generous community volunteers continued to provide services for individuals, we continued to refer residents to community tax clinics outside NDG .

All this was mainly possible thanks to our funders and the wonderful 20 volunteers (including greeting, registration and tax preparation volunteers) who gave us their time, their expertise, and their patience. They are the core of the free service we provide and without them none of this would have been possible (See Appendix 2).



Tax Clinic Volunteers in Benny Farm and Westhaven Sector





Information, Communication, and Support

Electronic Newsletter

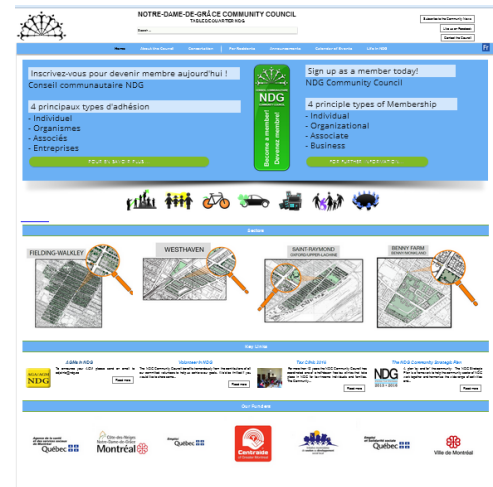
"What happens in NDG" is now an essential communication tool in our community. Sent to over 1,800 subscribers, it is popular with organisations and institutions that use it to inform all stakeholders of community news and events. This e-letter is a testament to the dynamism of the NDG community. The Council wishes to make available any information that helps improve the quality of life and community networking, be it information on jobs, funding opportunities, or events.

Website

This year we worked on the website to make it responsive to all electronic devices. We continue to develop the site to make it more usable and structured. Our communication tools are designed for community stakeholders to share their needs. Thus, we continuously fine-tune the accessibility to facilitate use of the site.

Special pages are available on the site to give visibility to member organisations. Some organisations do not always have the means or expertise to maintain digital content.

Some website highlights of particular importance for communication and networking are: Lists the date and time of NDG Annual General Meetings; a page that is dedicated to volunteer opportunities in NDG and the "About NDG" page that allows visitors to become familiar with the neighborhood. We hope to convey to residents and newcomers a sense of belonging to our community and wish to share our knowledge of the area by providing information that will facilitate their adaptation to their environment and, by extension, our community development. On average we have 4000 people visiting our website per month.



Information, referrals and online resource centre

One of the general organizational services the Council continuously offers is information and referral by phone to residents and organizations of all kinds - we receive on average 8 + calls per day from information seekers, whom we connect to the resources they need.

The NDG.ca website features an extensive resource centre aimed at providing local information and referrals to NDG residents. Regularly updated, it features local health, leisure, employment, and scholastic listings helpful to newcomers and seasoned residents alike. Visitors can easily access the resource centre through our website's main page under the tag "For Residents". Listings include name of organisation or institution, services offered, contact details, and eligibility information. This section of the website receives many visits, and reflects the need for up to date micro-local and local information resources.

Facebook

In its effort to provide as many communication channels as possible, this year the Council launched its Facebook page. The page showcases Council events and community happenings. Visitors will find event photographs and community announcements.



Appendix 1 2015-2016: Activities, meetings and events of the Council



Date	Activity	Participants
Festive Activities		
29/08/2015	Fête de Quartier: Westhaven	55 participants
12/9/2015	Fête de Quartier: Fielding-Walkley	180 participants
25/07/2015	Fête de Quartier: Saint Raymond	100 participants
29/08/2015	Back to School Celebration – Benny Farm	300+ participants
24/10/2015	Halloween Party at the NDG Sports Center –Benny Farm	300+ participants
30/1/2016	Lunar New Year Celebration	350 participants
10/4/2016	NDG/Montreal Ouest Volunteer Fair Recruitment in partnership with Volunteer Recruitment Committee	130+ participants
3/6/2015	Council Annual General Assembly	55 participants
Total		1470+ participants
Parking Day		
18/9/2015	Westhaven Fielding-Walkley BennyFarm Saint Raymond	54+ participants 60+ participants 70+ participants 65+ participants
Total		240+ participants
Round Table		
29/9/2015	Discussion on the Economic Development in NDG	28 Group representatives
26/11/2015	Discussion on the Collective Impact Project (CIP)	27 Group representatives
27/1/2016	Discussion on the Cooperatives' models and showcasing some examples in NDG	24 Group representatives
26 /4/2016	Presentation of Social Economy Table and by the producer of MaTV on how to approach the Media .	24 Group representatives
Total		83 Group representatives

Workshop and Training		
1/4/2015 22/4/2015 21/3/2016 16/2/2016 31/3/2016 20/6/2015	5 Tenants rights workshop at O3; at the Loyola Center, in Westhaven, at les Enfants du Monde School at the Walkley + Kiosk on moving day	115 participants
9/3/2016	NDG Community Strategic and Action Planning terminology Animated by COCo	15 participants
Total		130 participants

Participants includes residents, kids, community workers, staff & volunteers



Appendix 1

2015-2016: Activities, meetings and events of the Council



Date	Activity	Participants
Residents activities		
28/10/2015	Residents meeting at Westhaven	10 participants
2/5/2016	Easter Egg Hunt -Benny Farm	20 participants
07/12/2015	Crafts workshop in Westhaven	10 participants
20/6/2015	Moving Day Activity Fielding-Walkley	74 participants
5/9/2015	Sherbrooke Forest and Benny Farm Clean Up with Eco-Quartier	44 participants
16/12/2015	Christmas Caroling	80 participants
20&21/12/2015	Gingerbread House Making –Benny Farm	29 participants
Dec-Feb	Skate drive – Benny Farm	90 + pair of skates dropped off to be shared
1/2/2016	Skate Exchange – Benny Farm	Donated 50 pairs of skates to Walkley & Loyola Center
May –April	Intergenerational Cooking Workshops – Benny Farm	Bi-monthly cooking workshop 10-12 participants each session approx 250 meals served over the year
23/4/2016	Outing to Cabane à Sucre – BennyFarm	47 participants
March 2016	4 ateliers de récit oral	6 participants each week
16/10/2015	Melrose Tunnel Decoration Making Workshop	50 residents and 12 volunteers
Total		534+ participants
Jane's Walk		
2/5/2015	Jane's Walk at Benny Farm, Fielding-Walkley and Saint Raymond	18 + participants lead by 4 residents organisers and 2 community workers 16+ participants (led by 5 residents) 25 + participants (led by 3 residents)
Total		59+ participants
Group Tables and Committee meetings *		
30/04/2015 , 3/12/2015	Démarche Fielding-Walkley: Table de partenaires	49 participants
14/04/2015, 8/8/2015, 1/12/2015 , 23/02/2016	4 Steering Committee Meetings Benny Farm	27 participants
21may, 15 Sep, 17 Sep 2015 & 26Jan , 16 Feb 2016,	4 Art and Culture Table meetings and 2 brain storming meetings animated by Percolab and the Art Hive network	69 Participants
14 Sep, 26 Oct, 7 Dec 2015 & 22 Feb, 4 Apr 2016	5 CMTQ meetings + 2 special meetings	Average of 20 Table per meeting

***The Council's staff participates in many meetings throughout the year , which will be difficult to summarise here , this is just a sample**



Appendix 1 2015-2016: Activities, meetings and events of the Council



Date	Activity	Participants
Public Assemblies		
6/10/2015	Meet the Candidate — Federal Election	120+ participants (residents and elected officials)
9/12/2015	NDG Community Strategic Plan 2013-2016	24 participants (residents and organisations)
27/5/2015	Communi-Tea Public Assembly (NDG Commercial Revitalization) - Part 1	25 participants (Merchants, Speakers and partners)
24/9/2015	Communi-Tea Public Assembly (NDG Commercial Revitalization) - Part 2	20 participants (Merchants, speakers and partners)
20/01/2016	Communi-Tea Public Assembly	40 participants (Merchants, speakers and partners)
Total		229 participants

Appendix 2 Volunteers and Participants

Council Volunteers (14)

Pierre Blouin, Ziad Dahdah, Chantal Thériault, Rasha Alsibakhi, Jorge Eduardo Garza Rodriguez, Andreas Indro , Cindy Suharto, Uk Lae Cho, Lu Li, Faye Reitelman, Tamara Schlesinger, Jérine Varughese

Chinese new year volunteers (51)

Ai Li, Can Sun, Guanglei Diao, Guoguo Ying, Haoxing Yang, Hongmei Liu, Hua an, Huijun He, Lei Jin, Li Li, Li zhang, Li Zhang, Lin li, Lin lin, Linghong Chen, Liu Yang, Jin Zhao, Jiahan, Jin Jin, Jing Bai, Jingchi Li, Jojo, Junnan Shen, Junxi Ying, Mei guang, Min gao, Na an, Ping an, Ping liu, Qian liao, Shun Song, Taixiang Wang, Xiaowen gu, Xiu Li, Xuefan, Yan Hou, Yan Zhuang, Yanli Zhou, Yanjing Lai, Yayun, Yi zheng, Yifang Bi, Yinghui Xu, Yingnan Sun, Yimin Nie, Yixin Chen, Yongjun Zhang, Yu Zhang, Yue Wang, Yueling Wang, Zhihui liu.

Tax Clinic Volunteers (20)

Tatiana Alexandov, Yaser Al-Timime, Nashtia Ashaduzzaman , Mayuri Balasingam, Cheryl Buckland, Yan Shan Chen, Sharon Choquette, Rubina Khatun, Dave Lapointe, Nicole Leblanc, Barbara Levenick, Jackie Mulvaney, Jovita Gamiochipi Rodriguez, Lya Pierre-Ruddock, Jeeja Srikant, Steve Weir, Fei Xue , Ahmed Hadad, Linda Porter .

Christmas Dinner Volunteers

Every year, the overwhelming response from the community means that volunteers become too many to mention. Their contribution is essential and we extend our gratitude to all.

ArtHive NDG

Key Partners: NDGCC (fiduciary), Bienvenue NDG (Fête Interculturelle), Sherbrooke Forest, Transition NDG, EcoleRudolf Steiner, NDG Food Depot, Head & Hands -Young Parents' Program . The initiative attracted many volunteers , their contribution is essential and we extend our gratitude to all.





Council's Permanent Committees :

Executive Committee: Louis Legault, President, Andrew Ross, Vice President , Hans Heisinger Treasurer, Terri Ste Marie, Secretary, Halah Al-Ubaidi, Executive Director

Human Resources Committee: John Richardson, Terri Ste Marie, Sheri Mcleod , Lindsey Whitelaw, Halah Al-Ubaidi

Finance Committee: Hans Heisinger , Terri Ste Marie , John Richardson , Halah Al-Ubaidi

Nominating Committee: James Olwell, Helen Fortin, Halah Al-Ubaidi

Membership Committee: Rita Del Grande, John Richardson, Sarah Gosse , Halah Al-Ubaidi

Communications Committee: Andrew Ross, Rita Del Grande , Halah Al-Ubaidi, Irina Glusko, Steve Charters

1. NDG Round Table Planning Committee (6)

1 Resident, NDG Community Council, YMCA NDG, Éco-quartier CDN-NDG, NDG Senior Citizens Council, Coordinator - Council staff member.

2. NDG Community Space Coalition (20)

2 Residents, Head and Hands (incl. YPP), EMSB, Loyola Centre , L'abri en ville , Quebec Board of Black Educators (QBBE), Food Depot NDG, HIPPY Québec, Women on the Rise, NDG Community Council, Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi (CJE) NDG, Fraser Hickson Library, Action Communiterre-NDG Food Depot, CDN-NDG Borough, Bienvenue à NDG, YMCA NDG, NDG Senior Citizens Council, Maison Mosaik, Prevention NDG, Coalition Coordinator - Council staff member.

3. COCO-PS (Strategic Plan Coordination Committee) (12)

1 Resident, NDG Arts and Culture Table, NDG Food Depot, NDG Community Council, Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi NDG, Santé Centre-Ouest Montréal, CLSC de Benny Farm, Table de Jeunesse & Comité Action 6-12, Bienvenue à NDG , Éco-quartier CDN-NDG, NDG Senior Citizens Council, Arrondissement de Côte-des-Neiges - Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Coordinator - Council staff member

4. Table TINDG: (7)

CDEC CDN/NDG, Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi NDG, Table de Jeunesse & Comité Action 6-12, CSSS Cavendish, NDG Food Depot, HIPPY Québec, Ministère de l'Immigration et des Communautés culturelles, Co-Coordination:-Bienvenue à Notre-Dame-de-Grâce and Council staff member

5. Local Economy Table (5)

NDG Community Council, Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi NDG (Co-Coordinator), Bienvenue à NDG, Cégep Marie Victorin, Comptoir Urbain, Co-Coordinator -Council staff member

6. Food Security Coalition (20)

Transition NDG/Incredible Edibles, Marché Bonne Bouffe NDG, NDG Food Depot, NDG Senior's Citizen Council, River's Edge Community Meal, Walkley Center, Walkley Center - Fruits de la communauté, Le Cycle AlimenTerre, St. Thomas church, Arrondissement CDN/NDG, ICNA Relief Montreal Resource Center & Food Bank, City Farm School, CSDM Déjeuner pour apprendre, Purple Hope Project, Mercy Food Kitchen, Head & Hands, St. Monica's Food Pantry, New Hope. Co-ordination : CIUSSS-CO -CSSS Cavendish and, NDG Community Council

7. Housing Table (10)

Habitations Communautaires NDG, Info-Secours Logement, Maison Transitionnelles O3- On Our Own, Coup de Balai, NDG Food Depot, Habitat for Humanity, Groupe CDH, ROMEL, CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal, Prévention NDG.

8. Comité aviseur pour un projet d'aide aux locataires de NDG (7)

1 Resident, l'Organisme d'éducation et d'information logement de Côte-des-Neiges (OEIL CDN), Projet Genèse, Habitations Communautaires NDG, ROMEL, CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal, Prévention NDG,





9. Table 0 - 5 ans Cavendish (22)

2 Residents , CPE Château des neiges, CPE Lieu des petits/Installation Petites Chenilles, École des Amis-du-Monde, CSMB, École Mosaïque, HIPPY-Québec, Maison Élisabeth, Mosaik Family Ressources, Heads and hands - Young Parents Program, Women on the rise, Fondation de la Visite, Maison transitionnelle O3, YMCA Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Ville de Côte Saint-Luc, NDG Community Council , CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal - CSSS Cavendish, Borough CND-NDG, Centres de la jeunesse et de la famille Batshaw, Jeunes en santé NDG. Coordination :CPE Lieu des petits de St-Michel Bureau coordonnateur secteur Cavendish

10. Comité Action 6 - 12 NDG (16)

Action communiterre, Association pour le développement jeunesse Loyola, NDG Community Council, CSDM Réseau Ouest, SPVM poste 11 NDG, Scouts Canada, Westhaven-Elmurst Community Association, Tandem NDG/CDN, Boîte à Lunch, CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal - CSSS Cavendish, Comité Jeunesse NDG, Centre communautaire de Saint-Raymond, Québec Board of Black Educators, Walkley Community Centre, EMSB - Violence Prevention Consultant, Bienvenue à NDG, YMCA NDG.

11. Table de Concertation Jeunesse (20)

NDG Food depot, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres, Carrefour jeunesse-emploi NDG, Jeunes en action 18-24, Comité jeunesse NDG, Centre communautaire St-Raymond, Commissaire scolaire CSDM, CSDM Réseau Ouest (liaison), CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal - CSSS Cavendish, École secondaire Saint-Luc, Royal West Academy , English Montreal School Board, Head and Hands/ À deux mains, Loisirs sportifs CDN-NDG, Loyola Centre, NDG Community Council, Prevention CDN-NDG, Québec Board of Black Educators, Service des sports, loisirs et développement social – Ville de Mtl, SPVM Poste de quartier 11 NDG, Centre Walkley, Elmhurst-Westhaven Community Association, YMCA NDG.

12. Concertation Interquartier (CIQ) (10)

NDG Community Council, Solidarité Saint-Henri, Westmount Municipal Association, McGill School of Urban Planning, RUTA, CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal, CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal, Regroupement économique et social du Sud- Ouest (RESO), CDEC Côte-des-Neiges/Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Contactivity Centre Westmount.

13. The Arts and Culture Table (12)

La Semaine Des Arts NDG Arts Week , Off the Wall ,Cinema NDG,WORD Write our Rhymes Down, Opéra in the Park ,NDG History Workshop, Cheap Art Collective, This Really Happened, Porchfest, Chilpayates Montreal, La société opératique de l'ouest de Montréal, NDG 375 , NDG Community Council

14. Westhaven Neighbourhood Committee (13)

2 residents ,Westhaven Community Center, Loyola High School, St. Monica Community Food Pantry, Prevention CDN-NDG, Santé Centre-Ouest Montréal, CLSC de Benny Farm, Action Communiterre-NDG Food Depot, CDN-NDG borough, NDG Senior Citizens Council, Concordia University, Office of Community Engagement, NDG Community Council.





15. Table des partenaires Démarche Fielding-Walkley 2015-2016 (35)

Borough Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, CSDM Commissaire Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Table de concertation sur la sécurité alimentaire NDG, CIUSSS-CO (CSSS Cavendish), Médecins du monde, École Les enfants du monde, Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal, Centraide du Grand Montréal, Police de quartier 11 (SPVM), Prévention Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Comité Jeunesse de Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Éco-Quartier Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Association du développement jeunesse Loyola, Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Table de concertation jeunesse NDG, NDG Food Depot, Hippy Québec, YMCA Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Maison de La Famille Mosaik, Coup de balai, Quebec Board of Black Educators, Habitations Sherbrooke Forest, Habitations Communautaires NDG (HCNDG), Centre Walkley, Commission scolaire English-Montréal, La Fondation de la Visite, NDG Senior Citizens' Council, Agente de liaison et mobilisation citoyenne du secteur Fielding-Walkley, Association des locataires Mayfair, Conseil Communautaire NDG, Bienvenue à NDG, Tandem - Prévention CDN/NDG, Table de concertation 0-5 ans Cavendish, Comptoir Urbain. Coordination –Council Staff

16. Benny Farm Steering committee (11)

3 Residents, Sherbrooke Forest Housing, O3 (Own Our Own Transitional Housing), Project Chance, Chez soi, Cooperative housing Zoo and Benny Farm, Project Prevention NDG/CDN, TANGO, Coordination –Council Staff

17. Concertation Turcot NDG (9)

5 Residents, NDG Community Council, NDG Cyclists & Pedestrian Association, NDG Senior Citizens Council, Comité Citoyen NDG, Councillor McQueen.

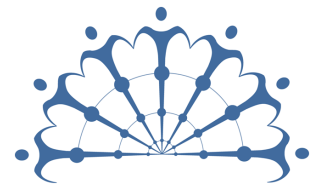
19 La Coalition montréalaise des tables de quartier (CMTQ) (30)

Groups 30 "Tables de concertation" that works on local social development in Montreal. The CMTQ intervenes on common issues to the neighbourhood such as local social development, improving the quality and living conditions of the residents, the fight against poverty and social exclusion, and the exercise of active citizenship. The CMTQ also works to promote the Tables de Quartier and their finances

20. Regroupement intersectoriel des organismes communautaires de Montréal (RIOCM)

21. Le Regroupement des comités logement et associations de locataires du Québec (RCLALQ)

is a militant organisation for the defense and promotion of housing rights that advocates for measures to control the private market, while promoting the right of association and more access to justice for tenants.



76 Members
11 Board of Directors
11 Staff
6 Interns
85 Volunteers

Concertation — 325 + Partners *

9 Tables and committees (Coordination Role)
3 Tables (Co-coordinate Role)
3 Local Tables and committees – (Active member)
5 Regional coalitions and committees- (Active member)
4 Round Table Meetings

Mobilisation— 4500+ Partners *

5 Public Assemblies
29 Events and festivals
5 Residents activities



Services

Information, Communication, and Support
4000 Visitors per month on the Council Website NDG.CA
1800 E-Newsletter Subscribers
8+ Information and referrals calls per day

Housing Services— Information workshops and Mobile housing clinics
115 Participants in 5 workshops
612 Tenants served in 3 Clinic locations (NDG COMMUNITY COUNCIL , FOOD DEPOT , WALKLEY)

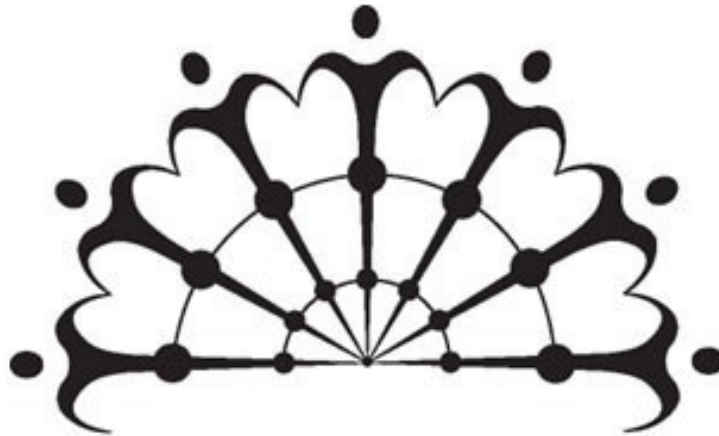
Tax Services— (4 Tax clinics , 2 volunteers training sessions, 2 “Do it yourself “ workshops)
200 Clients served
20 Volunteers provided the service

Resident Led initiatives (with the Council act as Fiduciary)

1000+ Participants — Porchfest NDG
2500+ Residents served — ArtHive NDG
1220 Meals Served — NDG Community Christmas dinner (69 cooked Turkeys donated)

* Partners (Groups, Businesses, and Residents)





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